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RUSSIAN SITUATION REPORTS CONFLICT

(By Associated Press) COPENHAGEN, March 9.—News of the Russian situation is conflicting, with the latest Helsingfors dispatch reporting the soviet government forces had recaptured Krasnaya Gorka and Sister Bak this morning, and were training their big guns upon Kronstadt, where they were observed.

An infantry assault by the soviet troops upon Kronstadt was reported to have been repulsed with enormous losses to the attacking forces. These reports were preceded by claims in Helsingfors dispatches that Petrograd was in the hands of the revolutionaries. According to a Reval message, however, the soviet troops have recaptured the southwestern suburbs of Petrograd and thousands of fugitives from Petrograd are clamoring for entry into Finland, the advice state.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, March 9.—Another version of the situation in Petrograd is given in a Central News dispatch from Helsingfors, dated today, which says that fighting is continuing in the streets of Petrograd and that War Minister Trotsky and M. Zinovief, the soviet governor of Petrograd, are reported to have taken refuge in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, surrounded by a large number of protective troops.

All attempts by the revolutionaries to capture this fortress, the message says, have been repulsed. Workers in soviet Russia are indignant over the revolutionary uprising in Petrograd, and are being allowed to fight against the forces engaged with the soviet troops there, says a wireless from Moscow. It was said in the dispatch that friction is beginning to be noticeable among the mutineers.

Communication between Russia and Siberia has been cut for over a fortnight, says an official wireless from Moscow. The break is ascribed to the work of the soviet revolutionaries operating with generals formerly attached to the forces of the late Admiral Kolchak, the message adds.

(By Associated Press) WARSAW, March 9.—The White Ruthenians have proclaimed their independence from Russia, according to a Minsk report received here. By White Ruthenians is meant probably those inhabiting what is known as White Russia, comprising the southwestern Russian provinces centering upon Minsk.

TRADE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MEXICO

(By Associated Press) MEXICO CITY, Mexico, March 9.—A Pan-American trade conference is to be held in Mexico City for four days beginning June 12. A delegation from the Confederation of Chambers of Commerce, embracing every branch of commercial organization in Mexico, has left for the United States on a tour covering every principal city in an endeavor to interest large American concerns to be represented at the conference.

MANILA R. R. LINES ASK FREIGHT INCREASE

(By Associated Press) MANILA, P. I., March 9.—The Manila Railroad company has made application to the public utility commission for permission to increase freight rates approximately 25 per cent. In a statement the company says that owing to an increase in wages and the cost of materials and supplies, there has been a deficit each month for several months past in the operation of the properties. The statement says the Manila Railroad represents an investment of approximately \$12,000,000, and that because of the constantly increasing cost of materials and the high wage paid to employees, only one small dividend has been paid on the stock of the company for many years.

MISS M'SWINEY WILL ADDRESS CALIF. SENATE

(By Associated Press) SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 9.—The senate voted, 21 to 14, to expunge from the Journal the protest of the Sacramento Church Federation against the senate's action in "extending permission" to Miss Mary McSwiney, sister of the late lord mayor of Cork, to address the senate.

RAILROAD BUSINESS EXPECTED BRIGHTER

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Mar. 9.—Business of the railroads is on the upward trend after having struck bottom three or four weeks ago, and better times may be expected in the near future, according to Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the board of directors of the Southern Pacific Railroad company, who is here after a trip over the company's Mexican line. "We have a weekly barometer in the reports which we receive from our auditing department," Kruttschnitt said, "upon which we predetermine our forecast of volume of business. These reports of late show a better tone in the railroad business of the country, and that means a better tone in business generally for there is no surer barometer of business conditions than the railroads."

RESTRICTION OF ARMAMENTS IS MOST WELCOME

(By Associated Press) TOKIO, March 9.—Baron Sakatani, ex-mayor of Tokio, declares his opinion that American advocacy of the restriction of naval armaments is most welcome. Speaking through the newspaper 'Chugai Shogyo,' he said: "The position of those Americans who advocated naval expansion seems to have been that the United States had to have the largest fleet in the world because America would join the league of nations. This, they said, was not only for the sake of the Americans but also for that of the whole world in case the league of nations proved a failure. The Americans have not realized that such an attitude only encourages naval construction in other lands and that this race for armaments is against the spirit of peace. America's self-awakening in this respect, though yet limited only to a portion of the people, inspires the rest of the world with confidence and promises to bring the day of real international peace nearer. One regret about all this is that on account of the proposal to go on with the present scheme of expansion of the American navy, the proposed naval holiday of all the powers seems impracticable as an ideal. If the Americans really desire restriction of armaments as a means to promote peace, it is time for them to set the example, because the geographical position of the United States makes it easiest for her to do so."

Dr. Egi. M. P. writing in the same paper, observes that Japan's naval expansion program is on a scale which is the minimum for the defense of these shores. Its abstention, therefore, with a view to restriction, is next to impossible. If Japan agrees to the proposed naval holiday, it must be in the sense that Japanese naval expansion will be spread over a longer period of years, as designed at the present time.

JAPS MUST INSIST ON MANDATES SAY PAPERS

(By Associated Press) TOKIO, Japan, March 9.—Americans must be willing to make some sacrifice in behalf of the principle of disarmament advocated by President Harding in his inaugural speech, declares the militarist paper, Kokumin Shimbun, in commenting on President Harding's address. Other newspapers here commented more on the controversy regarding the island of Yap than on the inauguration, and it appears to be the consensus of opinion that Japan should insist upon the mandate given her, but with some concessions concerning cable communication.

U. S. NAVY MEN TO TRY THEIR SKILL

(By Associated Press) NORFOLK, Va., March 9.—A shipload of targets, big, little and medium sized and made to float or sink, has been forwarded to Guantanamo for destruction by the jacksies of the Atlantic fleet during the spring gun practice. The supply ship, chartered, carried 10,000 pieces of target material when she nosed out to sea, including the huge box-boats on her decks at which the 14-inch triplets of dreadnaught main batteries will be turned loose. Fresh from joint maneuvers with the Pacific fleet in the Pacific, navy youngsters are expected by officers at the base here to show a high degree of skill with their long-nosed shooting irons this year. They have added zest for their work in the playtime they put in with Admiral Wilson cruising on the Pacific coast of South America. The officers, mayhap, had to attend many formal banquets and ceremonies of reception at ports visited, but the bluejackets got a chance to prow about ashore and load up with impressions of picturesque tropical cities new to them. They will have a lot to tell the folks at home when the Pennsylvania points the way north for the fleet in April and Jack gets shore liberty in home ports.

Every device for testing the skill of the gunners is included in the target shipment. There are medium sized affairs for the 5-inch cruiser gunner at in beating off imaginary destroyer attacks; things like submarine periscopes to practice shooting up "tin fish" on, and kite targets for the topside gunners to pepper with anti-aircraft barrages. There were also supplies for the mine planter force, with which to practice laying a "few eggs" from which great explosions and wrecked enemy craft hatch in wartime; and dummy mines to be swept up by the clean-up flotilla.

The air force of the fleet is to cooperate in the shooting tests, scattering the fall of projectiles and slipping the big surface craft to the location of "enemy" targets over the horizon. They will also do a little bomb dropping on their own account and a supply of the latest type of these disturbers of the peace went down at the Lebanon for their use.

EMPLOYES' PENSION BILL IS PROPOSED

(By Associated Press) HONOLULU, T. H., March 9.—A bill introduced in the Hawaiian legislature by Representative James Uihiki, Honolulu, would require all corporations operating in the territory to pension employees after 20 years service. Under the bill an employer would be entitled to a pension equivalent to 40 per cent of his earnings at retirement. Twenty-five years' retirement would call for a pension of 50 per cent and 30 years' work would bring a pension of 60 per cent. Territorial employees would be included.

WILL PUBLISH NAMES OF ALL DRAFT EVADERS

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—The names of persons who evaded the selective service law will be made public by the draft districts just as rapidly as the lists can be compiled by the local draft boards. It was announced today at the war department. As soon as the final check of the complete districts has been received at the war department the compiled lists will be made available to the press. It was announced.

WILL TAKE TREASURY 3 MONTHS TO REPORT

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—It will require at least three months for the treasury department to submit an itemized statement showing the detailed expenditures under the \$150,000,000 special war fund set aside for use by the president. Such a statement was called for in a resolution adopted two weeks ago by the house. In a report transmitted by President Wilson previous to the adjournment of congress, which was made public today, the total net disbursements were \$114,967,776. It was stated, and there was an unallocated balance of about \$12,000,000 and approximately \$23,000,000 had been carried to the surplus fund.

START WORK ON HUGE STADIUM

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 9.—Work on a huge stadium, to be located in Exposition Park, here, to seat 75,000 and to cost \$950,000, is expected to be started within a few weeks. The stadium will be the joint property of Los Angeles city and county. The stadium project has been in existence for some time, but only recently has a court decision, definitely settling several points involved, made it possible for the sponsors, officials of the Community Development association, to plan the actual starting of the work. According to the plans the stadium will be one of the largest structures of its kind in the world. It is planned to have it completed in time for the Olympic games of 1924 which the association officials hope will be held here. The stadium will be erected in memory of Los Angeles city and county men who lost their lives fighting in the last war and it will be known as the Los Angeles Memorial coliseum.

RUIZ RECEIVES THIRD REPRIEVE

(By Associated Press) SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 9.—Governor Stephens for the third time has reprieved Simon Ruiz, confessed slayer of John Miller of San Bernardino county, last summer. Ruiz was to be hanged next Friday at San Quentin.

THE WEATHER: Local Observer, United States Weather Bureau. Temperatures 5 a. m. No. 40, Current 32, Wet bulb 28, Relative humidity 66, Maximum yesterday 48, Minimum yesterday 40.

ASKS THAT COLOMBIAN TREATY BE RATIFIED

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Ratification of the long-pending treaty with the Colombian republic is urged by President Harding in his first message sent to the senate today. Immediately upon receiving the message the senate went into executive session and the usual procedure was followed in talking upon the treaty. The text of the message was not made public at the White House. Officials stated that it was executive business which could not properly be given out unless the senate so decided.

CLAIMS TO BE OLDEST DOCTOR

(By Associated Press) PUYALLUP, Wash., March 9.—Dr. Lemuel L. North, of Puyallup, who says he may be the oldest practicing physician in the nation, recently celebrated his one hundredth birthday. The week he was 100 years old he called on 33 patients and he gives medical advice regularly to numerous residents. Dr. North walks an average of 10 miles a day. He believes an abundance of exercise is responsible for his good health. Unif recently he owned and conducted a drug store in Tacoma in addition to his practice here. The doctor was born in Lee county, Iowa, in February, 1821, and graduated from Cambridge university, England. He served in the First Iowa infantry in the Civil war. In 1905, while visiting in Iowa, Dr. North relates, he learned that a prize of 100 acres of land was offered at a pioneers' celebration for the person who could show he was the first white child born in the state. He won the prize and still owns the land.

CAN'T PROHIBIT BOOZE MAKING

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—The government is without authority to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor, wines or beer for non-beverage purposes, according to a ruling by the attorney general, published by the internal revenue bureau. The government is without authority to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor, wines or beer for non-beverage purposes, according to a ruling by the attorney general, published by the internal revenue bureau.

PRINTERS DEMAND A 44-HOUR WEEK

(By Associated Press) MONTEREY, Cal., March 9.—The adoption of the 44-hour week in all commercial shops in the United States and Canada was demanded in a resolution adopted here at the printers' industrial conference.

VON ECKHARDT WILL RETURN TO MEXICO

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, March 9.—Heinrich von Eckhardt, former minister to Mexico, will return to the post he formerly held in that country.

ARMY BLUE NOW THING OF THE PAST: CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., March 9.—Army blue will be completely in the discard at Camp Lewis in a few weeks when the stores abundant that color for the olive drab, Miss E. M. Gill, superintendent of nurses at the camp, has announced. As soon as the present blue uniforms wear out, the nurses will wear the olive drab entirely.

WARNS AGAINST INDEPENDENCE PROPAGANDA

(By Associated Press) SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 9.—Warning against independence propaganda in political campaigns in the newspapers, coupled with expressions of anti-American sentiment, was given the people of Porto Rico in a letter to the president of the Porto Rican senate from Horace M. Tower, chairman of the house committee on insular affairs of the United States congress.

WAGE CUT EXPECTED ON LARGE RAILROADS

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, March 9.—Information received at local headquarters of the railway labor department of the American Federation of Labor indicates that virtually every large railroad in the country is preparing to put wage reductions into effect for all employees. B. M. Jewell, chairman of the committee, said in discussing the proposed reduction which has been announced by the Pennsylvania Railroad company. Jewell said that his office had received information of contemplated reductions from dozens of railroads, particularly those in the east, and said that this information is now being compiled in a report which will be brought before the railway labor organizations.

SEEK ASSASSIN OF PREMIER DATO

(By Associated Press) MADRID, Spain, March 9.—The police search for the assassin who shot and fatally wounded Premier Dato last night has resulted in one arrest and an order for the detention of all motorcycles and automobiles. A youth named Julian is held as a suspect. An official report says the assassins are believed to have been syndicalists.

PORTLAND GETS TWO NEW PLAYERS

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Ore., March 8.—Two players new to the Pacific Coast league are expected to appear with the Portland club this season. They are Rip King, highly recommended by Jack Doyle, major league scout, and S. M. Benedict of Caldwell, Idaho, formerly a player in the Texas league. King played professional football at Los Angeles during the winter and is a catcher. Benedict is a third baseman.

MOSQUITOES REIGN ON MAIAS ISLAND

(By Associated Press) PAPERETE, T. H., March 9.—Maiao Island, a small dot of land in the Society group, has the reputation of being the worst mosquito island in the south Pacific. Seldom do schooners visit the island, but when they do call there on board never pass a night ashore. The mosquitoes are said to be so numerous and savage that even pigs, which are supposed to be indifferent to insect pests, cry out in the night with the pain of their sufferings. Native inhabitants of Maiao appear to be thick-skinned and quite accustomed to the pests. But there are seasons of the year when the mosquitoes surpass even the natives' powers of endurance and they are compelled to keep great smudges of smoke going about their houses.

QUIET IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY AT PRESENT

(By Associated Press) DUESSELDORF, March 9.—Although 7000 French, British and Belgian soldiers are occupying Dueseldorf, Duisburg and Ruhrort, the people of those cities were today proceeding about their usual affairs. There were no signs of any immediate labor movement by German workmen as the outcome of the occupation.

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, March 9.—The protests voiced before the supreme allied council in London by Foreign Minister Simons and against the Paris reparations proposals were emphatically endorsed by Chancellor Fehrenbach before the reichstag yesterday.

(By Associated Press) VIENNA, March 9.—Sympathy with Germany in the developments which followed the breaking up of negotiations between the German delegation and the allied supreme council in London, is expressed by newspapers here.

(By Associated Press) BRUSSELS, March 9.—Dr. Landsberg, German minister here, who had been recalled by his government, left yesterday for Berlin.

(By Associated Press) PARIS, March 9.—Dr. Wilhelm Mayer, German ambassador, has left for Berlin.

KILLS GIRL TO END MISERY

(By Associated Press) BRUSSELS, March 9.—The question whether one person is guilty of a crime in hastening the death of another who is suffering from a mortal wound has been decided in the negative here in the case of a married man who shot and killed a girl who had attempted to commit suicide. His plea was that she was dying and that he killed her rather than to watch her suffer. He was arrested but acquitted of the charge of murder by the Brabant court of assizes.

The man in the case was Jerome Hermans, 32 years old, and the girl was Coline Camlyck, aged 18. They had a love affair and the attempt at suicide resulted. The shooting occurred in the Bois de Cambre, Brussels' largest public park. "Coline ran from the path into a thicket," said Hermans. "I heard a shot and ran after her. She had shot herself in the temple but was still alive. I could not see her suffer and I took her revolver and shot her in the neck. Then she was still and I shot myself."

Hermans recovered from his wound and was in prison for eight months until acquitted. Medical testimony given at the trial was to the effect that the girl's suicidal wound would have been fatal.

BUTLER THEATRE: SHIRLEY MASON, "MERELY MAY ANN", "DYNAMITE", TOMORROW, EUGENE O'BRIEN in "BROADWAY AND HOME", "OUTSIDE THE LAW"